(*b*) It is understood on enquiry that the people have submitted petitions to the Travancore Government. The work was executed by Travancore Government.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The date is not known to this Government as the chira is maintained by the Travancore Government who have also appointed a watchman for the same.

METERS SUPPLIED TO ELECTRICITY USERS

173. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many meters are supplied to the electricity users by Government ;

(*b*) what is the price of a meter ;

(*c*) what does the Government charge as hire per meter ;

(*d*) why should not the meters be sold to each user ;

(*e*) do meters go out of order often ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* :

(*a*) Government have supplied 97 meters at Nemmara and 147 meters at Chittur.

(*b*) The price of a single-phase meter is about Rs. 16. A three-phase meter costs about Rs. 75.

(*c*) The rent for a single-phase house service meter is Rs. 0—4—0 per month.

(*d*) This can be done, if the house-owners want it. But then the responsibility for repairs and maintenance of the meter will be that of the house-owners.

(*e*) Being delicate instruments some meters go out of order soon, while it is seen that some last in good order for a long time.

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